

B. REMARKS

By this amendment, Claims 11 and 32 have been canceled, leaving Claims 3, 5-7, 9, 10, 12-31 and 33-44 pending in this application. The amendments to the claims do not add any new matter to this application and were made solely to rewrite the claims indicated as objected to in independent form include of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Specifically, independent Claim 7 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable Claim 11 and independent Claim 29 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable Claim 32. Some claim dependencies have also been changed to account for the cancellation of Claims 11 and 32. It is believed that all issues raised in the Final Office Action mailed May 6, 2004 are addressed hereinafter.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS 7, 10, 25, 26, 29, 31, 43 AND 44 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 7, 10, 25, 26, 29, 31, 43 and 44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Phaal* U.S. Patent No. 5,315,580 in view of *Lo*, U.S. Patent No. 5,559,801. It is respectfully submitted that this rejection is now moot in view of the amendments made herein since Claims 7 and 29 have been amended to include all of the limitations of allowable Claims 11 and 32, respectively, and Claims 10, 25, 26 depend from Claim 7 and Claims 31, 43 and 44 depend from Claim 29.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and the issuance of a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. If there are any additional charges, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if the Examiner believes that such contact would be helpful in furthering the prosecution of this application.

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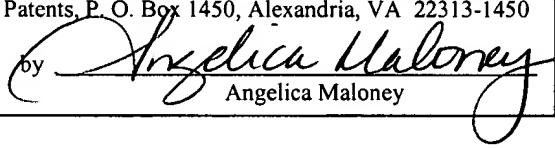
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